

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **May 27, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Deer Management**

RECOMMENDATION: Endorse the recommendations of the Ad hoc committee.

SUMMARY: As directed by Council, an ad hoc committee consisting of Council members Adams and Seiffert and staff met to discuss possible changes to the City's deer management efforts in light of recent experience and the change to the State Code allowing the issuance of kill permits for damage to ornamentals/landscaping.

Note of the committee's meeting are attached for Council's review and endorsement.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Deer Management plan adopted in August 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne, Col. Chuck Bennett, Warden Larry Faust

ATTACHMENT(S): Committee Report

REVIEWED BY: lkp

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

May 7, 2003

Present were Council Members Joe Seiffert and Julian Adams, City Manager Kim Payne, Police Chief Chuck Bennett and Animal Warden Larry Faust

After a general discussion, the group identified a number of issues to be addressed:

1. What are "reasonable" restrictions to place on the issuance of kill permits?
2. Requiring that the City's sharpshooters have access to properties for which hunting permits are issued.
3. Listing others as allowed to hunt under kill permits to the exclusion of the City's sharpshooters.
4. Safety as a priority
5. The use of 22 caliber hollow point long rifle ammunition.
6. Compensation for the provision of a cleaning station at a private business.
7. Disposal of deer killed on private property under a kill permit.

The committee recommends the following:

1. There should be no minimum acreage requirements for kill permits. It will be left to the discretion of the Animal Warden to determine if the property is safe to shoot and with what weapon (firearm and/or bow). *After the meeting the issue of requiring property owners issued kill permits to post "No Hunting" signs was raised as inappropriate.*
2. The requirement that the City sharpshooters have access to properties for which hunting permits have been issued should remain.
3. Property owners issued kill permits may exclude the City sharpshooters on lots less than five (5) acres in size.
4. It was acknowledged that safety is a priority.
5. The use of 22 caliber hollow point long rifle ammunition for killing deer is prohibited by state law.
6. The water bill of the business providing a cleaning station for slain deer should be forgiven in return for this service.
7. The City currently provides curbside pickup of dead animals. No need to change.

The committee agreed that a report should be provided to the full Council at the next work session.